

**MINUTES FOR
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Corning City School District
Administration Building
165 Charles Street, Painted Post, New York 14870
Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
Executive Session began at 6:15 p.m.**

1.0 OPENING

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. with the President, Mr. Thomas Tamaro, presiding.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Board Members:	Present	Absent
Nancy Arkin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Neil Bulkley	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
William Carlson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Patrick Flynn	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Barry Nicholson	<u> </u>	<u>arr. 6:20p</u>
Virginia Schultz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Thomas Tamaro, President	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Dr. James Webb	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Dr. Dale Wexell, Vice-President	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Administrators:		
Michael Ginalski, Superintendent	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Anthony Gyetua-Danquah, Asst. Supt.-Instruction	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jeffrey Delorme, Asst. Supt.-Admin. Services	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Paul Webster, School Business Official	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Officers:		
Karen Dutcher, Clerk of the Board	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

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Executive Session

Moved by: Arkin Seconded by: Webb
to enter into executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss matters related to the appointment of a particular person.

Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 1 Accepted
Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Resume Regular Order of Business

Moved by: Bulkley Seconded by: Nicholson
to resume the regular order of business at 6:34 p.m.

Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

Pledge of Allegiance

President Tamaro welcomed and addressed the public with regard to Standard Operating Procedures relative to visitor comments.

1.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

Moved by: Arkin Seconded by: Webb
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Flynn Seconded by: Webb to approve the minutes of the Organizational, Regular Board and Special Board meetings of July 1, 2009

Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

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1.4 Report from the President of the Board of Education

Board President Tammaro reviewed the history of facilities and how we got to where we are now.

1.5 Report from the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Ginalski thanked Ted DeVoe for his hard work in obtaining a \$998,000 for the *Teaching American History Grant* and *Shared Fuel Services* grant in the amount of \$80,000. The District also received notice they will receive funding for a *Consolidated Fleet Management Feasibility Study*.

The Superintendent asked the Board to provide their recommendation relative to continued use of the Share Point Program as a stand alone or in conjunction with hard copies.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

The Board heard comments from several visitors.

1.6 Authorization of Funds to Implement Special Education Programs/Services

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the authorization of funds to implement the Special Education programs and services consistent with such recommendations from the CSE meetings of June 26, 2009 through July 23, 2009.

Moved by: Schultz Seconded by: Nicholson
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Board Committees

2.1.1 Assignment of Committees – Thomas Tammaro, President

President Tammaro announced the Committee assignments.

2.1.2 Reaffirmation of Audit Committee Charter

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirms the Audit Committee Charter of the Corning-Painted Post Area School District Audit Committee as established by Education Law 2116-c(4).

Moved by: Carlson Seconded by: Bulkley
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

2.2 Facilities Discussion of Alternatives B & C/Board Decision

Superintendent Ginalski reviewed the process of the Facilities Advisory Committee in developing a comprehensive facilities plan, which included demographic information, and key considerations relative to middle and high schools. He reviewed Alternatives B and C, which are up for consideration along with site plans for each. Superintendent Ginalski addressed the issue of re-use for buildings under consideration for closing.

Mr. Webster reviewed the financial analysis of Alternatives B and C. He thanked Roy McMaster for his work in developing this information.

Superintendent Ginalski provided a comparison of Alternatives B and C relative to instruction, athletics, operations, including staffing impact, and transportation. He also provided a comparison with "like" districts. Superintendent Ginalski provided an overview of the challenges of each Alternative. He also reviewed the timeline for a December 15 vote and next steps.

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Superintendent Ginalski recommended Alternative C. He answered questions asked by the Board.

President Tammaro opened the floor to Board members for their comments relative to Alternatives B and C.

A Motion to move forward with the Superintendent's recommendation to accept Alternative C was Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Arkin. Board discussion followed.

A Motion to amend the original motion to reflect a December 15, 2009 vote date was Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Nicholson.
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

Call for question to accept the resolution to move forward with the Superintendent's recommendation to accept Alternative C for public vote on December 15, 2009.

Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

3.0 PERSONNEL ITEMS

3.1 Resignation of Personnel

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the following resignations be accepted, with regret:

1. **Christine Mickulesku**, Teaching Assistant Grade 2 at Winfield Elementary School, effective June 24, 2009.

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Nicholson
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

3.2 Retirement of Personnel

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board of Education accepts, with genuine regret, the retirement requests of:

1. **Patrick Hourihan**, Guidance at East High School, effective January 31, 2010 after 14 years and 6 months of service.
2. **David Hostrander**, Maintenance Mechanic, Buildings and Grounds, effective July 29, 2011 after 25 years and 10 months of service.

The Board offers the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Patrick Hourihan and David Hostrander, have served the children of the Corning-Painted Post area with distinction for many years, and

WHEREAS, throughout the years they have consistently discharged their duties in an outstanding and highly professional manner, giving unselfishly of their time and efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, County of Steuben, State of New York, accepts with deep regret the retirement requests of **Patrick Hourihan and David Hostrander**, and records in the minutes of this meeting this expression of the Board's deep appreciation of their devoted service, as well as its sensitivity to the loss from the staff of these trusted and valued employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is instructed to transmit to **Patrick Hourihan and David Hostrander**, a copy of this expression of the Board's gratitude.

Moved by: Bulkley Seconded by: Nicholson
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

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3.3 Request for Leave of Absence

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the following request for leave of absence, without pay, be granted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or Civil Service Commission.

1. **Kelly Adriance**, Grade 6 AIS at Corning Free Academy Middle School, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
2. **Daniel Nudd**, Custodial Worker at Severn Elementary School, effective July 24, 2009.

Moved by: Arkin Seconded by: Webb
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

3.4 Appointment of Personnel

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the appointment of personnel listed on attachment 3.0 sections 3.4.1, 3.4.2 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.5, 3.4.6 and 3.4.7 be approved, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or the Civil Service Commission.

Moved by: Nicholson Seconded by: Flynn
Aye 8 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain 1 Accepted
Carlson

3.5 Change in Assignment and/or Status

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the request for change in assignment/status on attachment 3.0, section 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 be approved, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and/or Civil Service Commission.

Moved by: Wexell Seconded by: Carlson
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

4.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 BUSINESS ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Monthly Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2009

the Monthly Treasurer's Report is submitted in the prescribed format in accordance with Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Sec. 170.2 (p.) Included is a Cash Flow Report (A copy of the report is filed with these minutes).

B. Accept and Appropriate \$417.10 Donation from Linda M. Wilcox

that the Board accept and appropriate a donation from Linda M. Wilcox in the amount of \$417.10 to be used to purchase books for the Frederick Carder Elementary Library. Further, that the Board appropriate \$417.10 to Revenue Code A2705 "Gifts and Donations" and \$417.10 to Expenditure Code A-2610-450-04-01 "Carder Library Supplies".

C. Accept and Appropriate \$1,500 Donation from Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc.

that the Board accept and appropriate a \$1,500 donation from Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. in support of the *Wonderfully Exciting Books* (WEB) Program at Hugh Gregg Elementary School. Further, that the Board appropriate \$1,500 to the Special Aid Fund.

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D. Appoint Petty Cash Supervisor

that the Board appoint Phil Benson as the Supervisor for the Petty Cash Fund for West High School for 2009-2010.

E. Appropriation of 2009-2010 New York State Pre-Kindergarten Grant

that the Board authorize the appropriation of \$195,665, the amount of New York State Targeted Pre-Kindergarten Funds the District will receive for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, to the Special Aid Fund to be used in support of the District's Pre-Kindergarten Program.

F. Authorization to Appropriate \$1,217,944 IDEA Section 611 Funds to Special Aid

that the Board authorize the appropriation to Special Aid Fund of \$1,217,944, which is the amount of "Flow Through Entitlement Funds" the District will receive for the 2009-2010 fiscal year under IDEA Section 611 in support of the District Program entitled, "Speech, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Special Education Teachers and Instructional Materials."

G. Authorization to Appropriate \$695,925, IDEA Section 611 ARRA Funds to Special Aid

that the Board authorize the appropriation to Special Aid Fund of \$695,925, which is the amount of ARRA funds the District will receive for the 2009-2010 fiscal year under IDEA Section 611 to provide additional support of the District Program entitled, "Speech, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Special Education Teachers and Instructional Materials."

H. Authorization to Appropriate \$61,718, IDEA Section 619 Funds to Special Aid

that the Board authorize the appropriation to Special Aid Fund of \$61,718, which is the amount the District will receive for the 2009-2010 fiscal year under IDEA section 619 Preschool Grant Program to be used to provide free appropriate public education to children with handicapping conditions ages 3-5 years old.

I. Authorization to Appropriate \$32,099, IDEA Section 619 ARRA Funds to Special Aid

that the Board authorize the appropriation to Special Aid Fund of \$32,099, which is the amount of ARRA funds the District will receive for the 2009-2010 fiscal year under IDEA section 619 Preschool Grant Program to be used to provide free appropriate public education to children with handicapping conditions ages 3-5 years old above those provided through the regular IDEA section 619 funds.

J. Approval of 2009-2010 Preschool Special Education Program and Budget and Appropriation to Special Aid Fund

that the Board approve the 2009-2010 Preschool Special Education Program and Budget (detailed budget attached and to be filed with these minutes) in the amount of \$555,311, and authorize the appropriation of that amount to "Special Aid Fund". Further, that the Board authorize the District to enter into the necessary program contracts with Steuben, Schuyler and Chemung Counties.

K. Authorization to Appropriate \$750,807 NCLB Title I Funds to Special Aid

that the Board accepts the NCLB Title I grant funds for the fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$750,807 to be used in support of reading, writing, and mathematics. Further, that the Board authorize the appropriation of \$750,807 to the Special Aid Fund for expenditures in accordance with the project budget.

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L. Authorization to Appropriate \$235,914 NCLB Title IIA Funds to Special Aid

that the Board accept the NCLB Title IIA grant funds for the fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$235,914 to be used for in-service training of teachers and principals. Further, that the Board authorize the appropriation of \$235,914 to Special Aid Fund for expenditure in accordance with the project budget.

M. Authorization to Appropriate \$7,684 NCLB Title IID Funds to Special Aid

that the Board accept the NCLB Title IID grant funds for the fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$7,684 to be used for Enhancing Education through Technology Funds. Further, that the Board authorize the appropriation of \$7,684 to Special Aid Fund for expenditure in accordance with the project budget.

N. Authorization to Appropriate \$21,737 NCLB Title IV Funds to Special Aid

that the Board accept the NCLB Title IV grant funds for the fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$21,737 to be used to fund student awareness activities in the area of drug abuse prevention. Further, that the Board authorize the appropriation of \$21,737 to Special Aid Fund for expenditure in accordance with the project budget.

O. Approval of Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank for Tax Collection

that the Board accepts the proposal by JP Morgan Chase Bank for the continuation of tax collection services for the 2009-2010 tax year. Further, that the Board authorize the Corning City School District to enter into and the Board President to sign the Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank (A copy of the agreement is filed as part of the Board minutes).

Moved by: Bulkley Seconded by: Webb
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

4.2 Correction to 2008-2009 Overdue Tax Warrant (property on roll partially exempt when it should have been fully exempt)

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Carlson
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

4.3 Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Cell Phones

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board declare surplus the attached listing of cell phones and authorize the School Business Official to dispose of these items.

Moved by: Arkin Seconded by: Wexell
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

5.0 SPECIAL ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Academic Intervention Services Plan

Superintendent's Recommendation: that the Board of Education approves the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan for implementation in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations Part 100.

Moved by: Arkin Seconded by: Carlson
Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

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5.2 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Moved by: Webb Seconded by: Nicholson to remove from the table the Board of Education Meeting Dates set aside at the July 1st Organizational meeting.

Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

Moved by: Carlson Seconded by: Schultz to approve the Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2009-2010 school year.

Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

7.0 BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION - None

8.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Arkin commented on the new Board set up. Board President Tamaro noted there will be some tweaking for the next meeting.

Mr. Carlson recommended that a new sound system for Board meetings be addressed.

The Board discussed their feelings relative to the paperless system that was introduced for a trial run.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

The Board heard comments from several visitors.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Arkin Seconded by: Nicholson to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Aye 9 Nay 0 Absent 0 Accepted

Submitted by,

Karen R. Dutcher

Karen R. Dutcher, Clerk
Corning City School District

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